GNSO Council Operations Work Team

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Work Team Chair

October 2009
(GCOT) Work Team Members

• Ron Andruff - Commercial and Business Stakeholder Group
• Eric Brunner-Williams - Registrar Stakeholder Group
• Ray Fassett (Chair) - gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group
• Robin Gross - Non-Commercial Users Stakeholder Group
• Tony Holmes - Internet Service and Connectivity Providers Stakeholder Group
• Yoav Keren (Vice Chair) - Registrar Stakeholder Group
• Wolf-Ulrich Knoben - Internet Service and Connectivity Providers Stakeholder Group
• Ken Stubbs - gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group

With Special Thanks...

ICANN Staff Support: Julie Hedlund; Rob Hoggarth
GNSO Support: Gissela Gruber-White; Glen de Saint Gery

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Primary Tasks

• Report of the Board Governance Committee, GNSO Review Working Group, on GNSO Improvements
  ─ Determine what steps are needed to establish the role of the Council as a “strategic manager of the policy process.”

• Prioritize our work
  ─ Approve the Work Team Charter
  ─ Update GNSO Council Rules of Procedure (time sensitive)
  ─ Develop “Statement of Interest” and “Declaration of Interest” forms.

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Work Team Schedule

- Work Team Formed February 28, 2009
- Held 17 meetings over 30 weeks, primarily by teleconference
- All meetings MP3 recorded and w/transcript (archived at GCOT Wiki page)
- Originally a bi-weekly meeting schedule
- Became a weekly meeting schedule for the six weeks beginning in August thru mid September

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Major Challenges

• Rules of Procedure & changes to ICANN by-laws going on in parallel
  – Identifying the RoP sections likely not impacted from the work going on with the by-laws
  – Identifying changes to the by-laws likely of material impact to the RoP

• Getting up to speed as a team on the new bicameral structure and the flow of this structure through the new RoP

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Primary WT Deliverables

• Updated Council Operating Procedures (formerly known as the Council Rules of Procedure) submitted to GNSO Council on 9/17/09 for vote on 9/24/09 to initiate 21 day public comment period completed prior to the start of ICANN annual meeting in Seoul.

• Both a Statement of Interest and Declaration of Interest have been submitted to ICANN counsel for review and input.
Motion – Section 4.2 Abstentions

• The counting of abstentions is approved as an interim solution. The GNSO Council Operations workteam (GCOT) is requested to review this item and come up with a final solution.

• Target date: 11/25/09
Ongoing Work

• Council Rules of Procedure – Continue work on other outstanding issues.
  • Re-examine limitations to absentee voting
  • Procedure to remove a Chair (rules currently silent)

• Longer Term
  • Define and develop scope and responsibilities of any other standing “committees” as recommended by the BGC WG Develop curriculum for training Council members, constituents, facilitators and others.
  • Review the current specifications and recommend rules for the establishment of new constituencies within stakeholder groups, while recognizing that differences exist between stakeholder groups and constituencies.

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Open Enrollment

• Anyone can join this Work Team and we encourage anyone to do so

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